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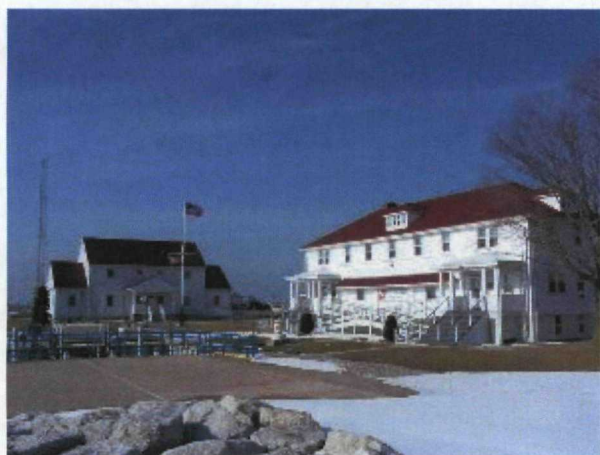
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USCG Station Ludington, Michigan

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Information:

In 1878 lifeboat stations were authorized for the communities of Manistee and Ludington, followed by Frankfort in 1882; the Coast Guard has been standing watch for mariners in distress throughout the region ever since. Station Ludington has changed over the years and was upgraded this year from a small, seasonal detachment to a full time, year-round station. In addition to our primary area of

responsibility from Big Sable Point to Stoney Lake, Station Ludington provides rescue for an overall operational area of approximately 35 nautical miles of coastline encompassing 1,050 square miles, and spanning two counties.

A new station building was built and commissioned in April 2004; the 4,200 square foot facility will greatly enhance the efficiency and operational capabilities of the unit, as well as improve habitability for the crew. With a crew complement of sixteen active duty, four reservists, and more than twenty Auxiliary members (Auxiliary Flotilla 20-06), the station handles approximately 100 Search and Rescue cases per year and over 150 boardings.

Station Ludington is located at the center of the eastern shoreline of Lake Michigan, making it one of the more popular ports for salmon fishing. Ludington also has one of the largest fleets of charter boats in Michigan. Aside from boat fishing, Ludington has plenty of recreational boats in the water, from small runabouts to large cabin cruisers. Commercial boating in Ludington includes a fleet of Native American fishing boats and the M/V Badger. The M/V Badger is a 420 foot car ferry that runs from April through October, from Ludington to Manitowoc.

With a population of around 12,000 during the winter(which multiplies five times during the summer), Ludington is a great place to visit. Ludington is renowned for its beaches and miles of sand dunes to explore. Ludington State park is seven miles north of town and borders Lake Michigan and Hamlin Lake. This inland lake of Hamlin offers a diverse vacation package with excellent fishing and boating. The Sable, Pere Marquette and Pentwater Rivers are all within a 15 minute drive of Ludington and offer fall salmon runs as well as winter and spring steelhead fishing. The Manistee National forest surrounding the area has ample acreage for hunting, hiking, snowmobiling, and cross country skiing. Downtown Ludington boasts local shops and nice family owned restaurants, including a micro brewery.

The City of Ludington has a lot to offer making it a great place to visit and an awesome place to be stationed. Visit us soon.



Ludington Life Saving Station

Ludington, MI. Lake Michigan

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Ludington life saving station. Notice the signal flag tower and the dwelling to the north which is probably the lighthouse keepers dwelling.

Station Ludington, Michigan Coast Guard Station #266

Location:	North side entrance of Ludington Harbor, Mich., 1/2 mile east of North Breakwater Front Light;
Date of Conveyance	1878
Station Built:	1879
Fate:	Still in operation
Station Type:	

Keepers:

Joshua J. Brown was appointed keeper on 25 OCT 1879 and resigned on 1 MAR 1883.

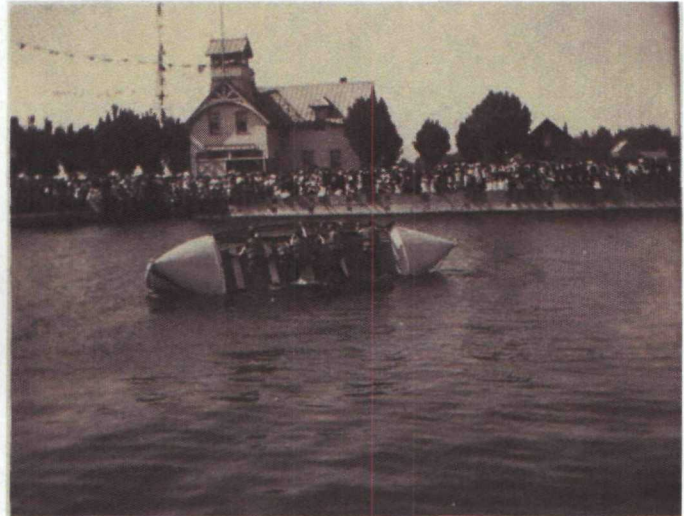
Robert Broadbent was appointed keeper on 15 FEB 1883 and resigned, date unknown.

Charles Tufts was appointed keeper on 25 SEP 1884 and transferred to Station Chicago on 25 FEB 1893.

Telesford St. Peter was appointed keeper on 25 FEB 1893 and transferred to Station Chicago on 28 NOV 1893.

Charles Tufts was appointed keeper on 16 NOV 1893 and resigned on 28 JUL 1897.

Peter Jensen was appointed keeper on 23 JUL 1897



Original cabinet card photograph of the Ludington crew performing a capsizing drill in their life boat. Notice all the spectators on shore.



Crew in front of the Ludington station.

and transferred to Station Holland on 14 AUG 1900.

Adam N. Weckler was appointed keeper on 14 AUG 1900 and resigned on 12 OCT 1905.

Berudt Carlson was appointed keeper on 26 OCT 1905 and died 31 JAN 1913.

Eli E. Pugh was appointed keeper on 21 FEB 1913 and was still serving in 1915.



The remodeled US Coast Guard station now expanded from the original stick style design.



The Ludington car ferry passing near the Ludington Coast Guard station.

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